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FROM: James A. Noyes
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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) PROJECT APRIL 22, 2002, MEETING

On April 22, 2002, a member of my staff attended the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments - ACE Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and the adopted minutes of the March 18, 2002, special meeting and the March 25, 2002, meeting are attached. The following items occurred at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

In his report under Agenda Item IV, the Chairman reported that the Federal Congressional delegation for the San Gabriel Valley, including five Representatives and both California Senators, will pursue ACE project funding in the upcoming reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

Under Agenda Item VI, the ACE Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to award a contract to D. W. Powell Construction, Inc., for railroad grade crossing Jump Start safety improvements in the amount of \$1,526,572.

Under Agenda Item VII, the ACE Board held over until the next regular meeting an action to authorize the CEO to execute a preliminary engineering studies contract with HNTB Corporation for the Montebello Boulevard grade separation in the City of Montebello. This item was held over to allow time for the City to proceed with the environmental assessment.

Under Agenda Item VIII, the ACE Board authorized the CEO to amend a Jump Start design contract with Advanced Applied Engineering, Inc., to provide services during construction of 11 grade crossing safety improvements. The additional authorization is for \$55,000, making the total contract authorization \$1,084,291. Advanced Applied Engineering's added authorization is mostly to be used for preparation of as-built plans per Public Works' request to ACE.

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Under Agenda Item IX, the ACE Board authorized the CEO to amend the design contract with DMJM+Harris for the Ramona Boulevard Grade Separation. The additional authorization is for \$271,353, making the total contract authorization \$1,974,790. Design changes are being made beyond the 65 percent complete design stage, which include designing side slopes for the highway underpass instead of retaining walls, additional drainage design as required by Public Works for modifications to existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District facilities, new traffic signal design to address concerns of the El Monte School District, and bridge design recommendations by the affected railroads.

The next meeting of the ACE Board will be on May 20, 2002, at Irwindale City Hall.

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